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Communication Arts

Scoring Guides for Released Items

Grade 8

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***Operational Test 2006
Scoring Guide***

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GLE: R3B8

Item 1

Which of these sentences or phrases from the passage contains a metaphor?

- A. sometimes called “the trail drive’s mother ship”
- B. Only a fool argues with a skunk, a mule, or a cook.
- C. Usually, the cowboy’s food was boring and unappetizing.
- D. trail cook “could do more toward making life pleasant. . .”

Correct Response: A. sometimes called “the trail drive’s mother ship”

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Process Standard(s): 3.5
GLE: R3C7

Item 2

Cowboys were probably willing to put up with an ill-tempered cook because the cook

- A. worked the longest hours
- B. was the trail boss's business partner
- C. improved their life on the cattle drive
- D. had the power to hire and fire cowboys

Correct Response: C. improved their life on the cattle drive

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Item 3

What problem did Goodnight have? How did his invention of the chuck wagon help solve it?
Use information from the passage in your answer.

7 lines for writing

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- 2 points The response includes a text-based problem AND a text-based solution of how the chuck wagon helped solve it.
- 1 point The response includes a text-based problem.
- 0 points other

Some examples of 2-point responses

- Goodnight wanted skilled cowboys, but he couldn't pay them very much. He figured out that he might get more men to sign on with him if he could offer some good food on the trail.
- The cowboys' food was boring. Goodnight made a bigger wagon to carry more things and make the meals on the trail better.

Note: The following responses are not acceptable:

- Goodnight developed the chuck wagon for money.
- Goodnight developed the chuck wagon so he would have company on the trail ride.
- Goodnight developed the chuck wagon for his own pleasure.

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Item 4

Read this caption that appears under the drawing.

“The ‘cookie’ was usually paid twice as much as an average cowhand.”

According to the passage, why would a cook on a cattle drive be paid twice as much as a cowhand? Explain your answer using **two** details and/or examples from the passage for support.

7 lines for writing

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- 2 points The response includes a reasonable explanation using TWO details and/or examples from the passage for support.
- 1 point The response includes an explanation using ONE detail or example from the passage for support.
- 0 points other

Some examples of 2-point responses

- He was important to everyone on the trip because he controlled everything that the cowhands wanted and needed for comfort. Besides cooking, he gave haircuts and took care of the sick or injured.

An example of a 1-point response

- Cooks on a cattle drive did more than anyone else. They even settled the cowboys' arguments.

Notes: Got up earlier/went to bed later is 1 detail

No credit: did more than others (not a detail)

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Process Standard(s): 1.7
GLE: IL1B8

Item 5

Which of these two sources do you think would be best for additional information about the first chuck wagon? Circle one source, then give a thorough explanation of your choice using information from the passage.

Circle one: a biography of Charles Goodnight

 a website about an annual Chuck Wagon Cook-Off

Explanation: _____ 6 lines for writing _____

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- 2 points The response includes a choice AND a text-based explanation using appropriate information/one piece of information about how the source might provide additional information.
- 1 point The response includes a choice AND an explanation.
- 0 points other

Note: The choice does not have to be circled if the choice is clearly evident in the explanation.

An example of a 2-point response

- Choice: a biography of Charles Goodnight
- Explanation: A biography would have more information about the first chuck wagon because Goodnight invented it.

An example of a 1-point response

- Choice: a website about an annual Chuck Wagon Cook-Off
- Explanation: would probably tell about the food on a chuck wagon

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Content Standard(s): Part A: 3
Process Standard(s): Part A: 1.6
GLE Part A: R3C7
Content Standard(s): Part B: 4
Process Standard(s): Part B: 2.1
GLE Part B: W3E8

Item 6

Imagine you are a reporter in Texas in the 1800s. Write a brief newspaper article about Goodnight's first cattle drive with the chuck wagon. Include three details from "The Cowboy's Home on Wheels" in your newspaper article.

Whole page of lines for writing

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Part A (CA3, PS 1.6)

- 2 points The response includes a description of the trail ride with THREE text-based details.
- 1 point The response includes a description of the trail ride with TWO text-based details.
- 0 points other

Part B (CA4, PS 2.1)

- 1 point The response includes clear evidence of audience and purpose.
- 0 points other

An example of a 2-point response

The Goodnight Ranch is driving two-thousand head to New Mexico. These eighteen cowboys won't be suffering as before during their three to four months on the trail due to Goodnight's new wagon. This means better food and more supplies all the way to New Mexico.

Notes: List of food items count as 1 pt/1 detail.
List of Cookie's jobs count as 1 pt/1 detail.
List of supplies count as 1 pt/1 detail.
A quote counts as 1 detail.